

Interim Hearings – Week of May 21

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House Committee on [Urban Affairs](#) (Houston)

Topic: Short- and long-term housing needs and related issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey and associated flooding

- [Action Plans and Amendments](#) (*State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey – Round 1, State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey, and amendments*), Texas General Land Office, Community Development & Revitalization Program, 2018
- [Recovery Tracker](#), The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, Updated May 4, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of January 15](#), House Committee on Urban Affairs, January 18, Legislative Reference Library, January 8, 2018

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Senate Committee on Higher Education

Charge: Funding models

- *Higher Education Funding: Overview of Higher Education Institutions' Non-Formula Support Item Funding* (Presented to Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Formula Funding), Legislative Budget Board, February 2018
- *Higher Education Funding: Overview of Formula Funding for All Institution Types, Small Institution Supplement Funding & the Available University Fund and Higher Education Fund* (Presented to Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Formula Funding), Legislative Budget Board, February 2018
- *Higher Education Funding Supplemental Materials*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2018
- *Summary of Higher Education Non-formula Support Items*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2018
- *Non-Formula Support Items Funding with Objectives and Descriptions*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2018
- *The Federal-State Higher Education Partnership: How States Manage Their Roles*, Urban Institute, May 2017
- *Ten Year Formula Funding History* (Fund distribution, appropriations by institution), Legislative Budget Board, October 2016
- *Financing Public Higher Education in Texas: Legislative Primer*, Legislative Budget Board, August 2016
- *Performance-Based Funding for Higher Education*, National Conference of State Legislatures, July 31, 2015
- *Formula Funding*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

Charge: Veterans health

- *The Veterans Choice Program (VCP): Program Implementation*, Congressional Research Service, April 20, 2018
- *Report on the Mental Health Program for Veterans*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, November 2017
- "VA Releases Suicide Data by State" (Press Release) and *Texas Veteran Suicide Data Sheet*, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, September 15, 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature (Public Hearing #6: Substance Abuse, Homelessness, and Veterans)*, House Select Committee on Mental Health, December 2016
- *Interim Report (Charge 1 – Choice Act)*, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, November 2016

- [Veterans Choice Program \(VCP\)](#), VHA Office of Community Care, U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- [Mental Health: Suicide](#) (Briefs, reports, and other resources), Health Services Research & Development, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- [Pain Management](#), Office of Research & Development, Department of Veterans Affairs

Charge: State-delivered federal services

- [Texas Veterans App](#) (Presentation to Task Force on Military & Veterans Affairs, National Conference of State Legislatures), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, August 6, 2017
- [Interim Report \(Charge 1 – Strike force teams\)](#), Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, November 2016
- [Report and Recommendations to the 84th Texas Legislature \(Charge 3 – Strike force teams\)](#), Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, December 2014
- [Texas Veterans App, TexVet.org](#)
- [Health Care Advocacy Program](#), Texas Veterans Commission

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House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#)

Charge 4: Prosecutorial misconduct and ineffective assistance of defense counsel

- ["New Report Finds — Surprise — Indigent Defense Attorneys Shouldn't Be Under the Control of the State Prison System,"](#) *Texas Observer*, January 11, 2018
- [Review of the Operations of State Counsel for Offenders: Report by the State Bar of Texas Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters Committee](#), Approved for publication December 8, 2017
- ["Prosecutorial Misconduct and the Role of Discipline,"](#) 80 *Texas Bar Journal* 430 (July 2017)
- [Fair Defense Laws 2017-2019](#), Texas Indigent Defense Commission, 2017
- [Gideon at 50: A Three-Part Examination of Indigent Defense in America](#) (Part I – Rationing Justice: The Underfunding of Assigned Counsel Systems; Part II – Redefining Indigence: Financial Eligibility Guidelines for Assigned Counsel; Part III – Representation in All Criminal Prosecutions: The Right to Counsel in State Courts), National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2013-2016

Charge 5: Legal framework surrounding sexual assault protections

- *85th Legislative Session Update*, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, 2017
- *Sexual Assault Legal Advocacy Manual*, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, 2014

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House Committee on **Natural Resources** (Brady)

Specific issue related to charge 3: Groundwater policy in Texas; g. emerging issues in groundwater and surface water interaction, in particular in areas of increasing competition for scarce resources

- *Groundwater Valuation in Texas: The Comparable Transactions Method*, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, March 20, 2018
- *State Water Supply Enhancement Plan*, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, January 2017
- *Priority Groundwater Management Areas and Groundwater Conservation Districts: Report to the 85th Texas Legislature*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Water Development Board, January 2017
- *2017 State Water Plan* (Amendments and documents, **Chapter 6** – Water supplies), Texas Water Development Board, 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (**Charge 1** – Ownership, production and transfer of surface water and groundwater), Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs, November 2016
- *Reorganizing Groundwater Regulation in Texas*, Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University, 2016
- *Sustainable Water Management in the Texas Oil and Gas Industry* (Energy-related water issues), Atlantic Council, July 2014
- *Ground Water Report to the Nation: A Call to Action* (**Section 11** – Groundwater and Alternative Water Supplies), Groundwater Protection Council, 2014
- *Rules and Statutes* (Groundwater management, water districts), Texas Water Development Board

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Sunset Advisory Commission

Staff presentation and public testimony (links to Sunset Review Documents for 2018-2019 Review Cycle, 86th Legislative Session):

- **Texas Military Department**
- **Texas Department of Motor Vehicles**

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House Committee on [Appropriations](#)

Charge: Use of federal funds in response to Hurricane Harvey, federal funds and investment in infrastructure projects to reduce impact of future natural disasters

- [State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey](#), Texas General Land Office, January 18, 2018
- [Greater Houston Strategies for Flood Mitigation 1st Edition](#), Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium, April 9, 2018
- [Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Projects by Watershed](#), Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium, April 5, 2018
- "Houston Surveys Post-Harvey Policy Landscape: The 'Bayou City' Considers Land Use Rules Changes," [Land Lines](#), April 2018
- [Preparedness, Response, and Rebuilding: Lessons from the 2017 Disasters](#) (Testimony before the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security), Reed Clay, Chief Operating Officer for Texas Governor Greg Abbott, March 15, 2018
- [Chapter 19 - Flood Plain \(Public comment draft\)](#), Houston City Council, February 13, 2018
- "A Storm to Remember: Hurricane Harvey and the Texas Economy," [Fiscal Notes](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2018
- [Hurricane Harvey Contract Reporting and Oversight](#) (Presented to House General Investigating and Ethics Committee), Legislative Budget Board, January 18, 2018
- "Gulf Coast Universities Team Up to Address Hurricane Resilience" (Press Release), University of Houston, December 13, 2017
- [Top 20 Zip Codes for FEMA Assistance Applications Highlight Widespread Damage from Hurricane Harvey](#), Episcopal Health Foundation, November 20, 2017 [link question]
- [Seeking Higher Ground: How to Break the Cycle of Repeated Flooding with Climate-Smart Flood Insurance Reforms](#), National Resources Defense Council, July 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature](#), Joint Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System, December 15, 2016
- [Houston Recovers](#) (City of Houston disaster recovery information and forms), City of Houston
- [Ike Dike](#) (Project description, resolutions, presentations, and FAQs), Texas A&M University, Galveston Campus
- [Recovery Tracker](#), The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas

Charge: Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- *Overview of the Texas Emission Reduction Plan Account*, (Presented to the Senate Finance Committee), Legislative Budget Board, January 30, 2018
- *Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Biennial Report (2015-2016)*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, December 2016
- *Texas Emissions Reduction Plan*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- *Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 386*, Texas Emissions Reduction Plan

Charge: Allocation of municipal solid waste disposal fee between Waste Management Account 0549 and Solid Waste Disposal Fee Account 5000

- *GR Account 5000: Solid Waste Disposal Fees (Fiscal 2018)*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- *GR Account 0549: Waste Management (Fiscal 2018)*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- *Existing Texas Packaging Policy: Analysis and Recommendations*, State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR), January 2017
- *Texas Health and Safety Code § 361.014*, Use of Solid Waste Fee Revenue
- *Texas Health and Safety Code § 361.132*, Hazardous and Solid Waste Fees; Waste Management Account

Charge: Effectiveness of cost-recovery model as a method of finance for programs and organizations across state government

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House Committee on [Public Education](#)

Charge: Research-based options for evaluating student achievement beyond standardized test scores; scope of the current Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); Student Success Initiative testing

- "Is Test-Based Accountability Dead?," *Education Next*, Summer 2017
- *Assessment Matters: Constructing Model State Systems to Replace Testing Overkill*, FairTest National Center for Fair and Open Testing, October 2016
- *Study of the Essential Knowledge and Skills Assessment Instruments*, Texas Education Agency, April 2016
- *The Influence of Teaching, Beyond Standardized Test Scores: Engagement, Mindsets, and Agency*, The Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University, October 2015
- *Student Success Initiative*, Texas Education Agency
- *Texas Education Code § 28.0211*, Satisfactory Performance on Assessment Instruments Required; Accelerated instruction (Social promotion, Student Success Initiative, 5th and 8th graders must pass reading and math tests)
- *Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills*, Texas Education Agency

Charge: Public school programs for students with disabilities, with an emphasis on programs specializing in autism, dysgraphia, and dyslexia; implementation and funding of pilot programs authorized in [HB 21](#) and TEA's compliance with [SB 160](#), which prohibits special education student caps

- *Special Education Strategic Plan*, Texas Education Agency, April 23, 2018
- *U.S. Department of Education Issues Findings in Texas Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Monitoring*, U.S. Department of Education, January 11, 2018
- *Diplomas That Matter: Ensuring Equity of Opportunity for Students with Disabilities*, National Center on Educational Outcomes, November 2016
- *Special Education (SPED) Representation (Percent of enrolled students who receive SPED; excerpt from the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System 2016 manual; 8.5% benchmark on special education enrollment)*, Texas Education Agency, September 12, 2016
- *Commissioner's Rule Related to Autism Rule/Guidance Side-By-Side*, Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism Training
- *Dyslexia*, Texas Education Agency
- *Improving Special Education in Texas*, Texas Education Agency
- *Texas Education Code § 38.003*, Screening and Treatment for Dyslexia and Related Disorders

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Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on [Health & Human Services Transition](#)

Invited testimony

- [Update on HHS Transformation](#) (Presentation to the Transition Legislative Oversight Committee), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, December 6, 2017

- [Report to the 85th Legislature](#), Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, November 29, 2016
- [Health and Human Services Transformation](#) (Transition plan, timeline, Sunset process, and presentations), Texas Health and Human Services Commission

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Staff presentation and public testimony (links to Sunset Review Documents for 2018-2019 Review Cycle, 86th Legislative Session):

- Finance Agencies
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